

# **First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pianist: Katherine Welk

Chancel Bells Director: Byron Jensen

Chancel Choir Director: Robin Koozer

Flute: Sarah Wolf

Liturgist: Jeni Howard

**September 25, 2016, 10:30 a.m.**

*May this morning's worship service be for you one step of many on your faith journey--leading you into deeper intimacy with God, closer connection with others, more generous service to your neighbor, and fuller knowledge of the faith.*

*\*Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

## PRELUDE

(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

## WELCOME AND PRAYER

\*INTROIT                      "O Come and Sing unto the Lord" (verse 1)                      638

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as people of a reforming church,

***A church discovering new ways of faithfulness, new shapes of ministry in a changing and challenging world.***

We gather as people of an informing church,

***A church striving to speak the truth in love and to proclaim the love of God.***

We gather as people of a transforming church,

***A church listening for the creative Word and moving as the Spirit gives understanding.***

We give thanks for the church as we gather in worship.

\*HYMN                      "In the Presence of Your People"                      631

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Loving God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from you, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation.***

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory To God”

582

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

BAPTISM

Tenley Sue Hermann  
Daughter of Jeff & Ashley Hermann

### A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

*The congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward.*

***Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.***

***Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.***

***Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me,***

***Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.***

ANTHEM

“Faith to Carry On”

Don Besig

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.***

FIRST READING-1 Timothy 6:6-19

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL READING--Luke 16:19-31

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to You, O Christ.***

\*HYMN

“Give Thanks” (all repeats)

647

MESSAGE

“Reach Out and Touch”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***I believe in God, Creator of all that is.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, who lived and taught a way of love and justice.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, touching life with Grace.***

***I believe in the Eternal God; in the sacred that infuses all of life, drawing us to newness, requiring justice, and giving hope. Amen.***

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

OFFERING

*(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

OFFERTORY

“Celtic Ring”  
Chancel Bells

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

“Reach Out and Touch”

On Screen

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

**Next Sunday, October 2, 2016**  
**9:15 Sunday School (All Ages Welcome!)**  
**1-5 Grade Communion**  
**10:30 Worship, Pastor Don Canady**  
**Hunger Sunday**  
**7:00p.m. Taize Worship**

## **Announcements:**

**The radio broadcast** airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Thelma and Lester D. Pedersen by their family.

**Today's service will be broadcast on Channel 181** Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village, today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3** on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**Flowers** are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Geyerman.

**Ushers:** David Fisher, LaVern Franzen, Jim Hoffman, Mike Hogan, Monte Malouf, Clyde Sachtleben, Roger Sunderman

**Greeters:** Brady Rhodes and Susan Meeske

**Acolytes:** Claire Schwarz, Eric Brader

**Youth Ushers:** Allie Bauer, Lily Black

**October Communion Servers, Team 1:** Craig Balnicke, Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Matt Fong, Kim Hermann, Jeni Howard, Chris Junker, Al Meyer, Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline

**October 2 Ushers:** Karen Doerr, Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Carolyn McKenzie, Rich McKenzie, Clyde Sachtleben

**Now Available on the Church Website** ([www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)) under the Children & Youth menu....

1. Children & Youth Calendar (<http://fpchastings.org/children-youth-calendar/>)
2. Acolyte schedule (<http://fpchastings.org/acolytes/>)
3. Youth Usher schedule (<http://fpchastings.org/youth-ushers/>),
4. WNL Theme calendar (<http://fpchastings.org/wednesday-night-live/>)

The **single red rose** is in honor of baby girl Lennon Kate, born September 16, 2016 to Megan and Karl Launchbaugh. Congratulations to the family, including sisters Alexis and Harper.

*"We want to send a special letter to **thank you** for your generous donation of 6 bags of food given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What a wonderful donation!! So many people will be blessed with these gifts!! This helps so much and we appreciate all you do!!"* – Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors

**Deacons delivered** 276 diapers on September 22 as part of the Happy Nappy program. Thank you for helping those most vulnerable!

### **2016 Directory Corrections**

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### **This Week --- Sep 26 – Oct 1, 2016**

<b>Mon, Sep 26</b>	<b>10:00a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
<b>Tue, Sep 27</b>	<b>1:00p.m.</b>	<b>Quilters</b> in Annex
	<b>4:30p.m.</b>	<b>Pooh Corner Meeting</b> in Anderson
<b>Wed, Sep 28</b>	<b>7:00a.m.</b>	<b>Bible@Breakfast</b> in Parlor
	<b>4:30p.m.</b>	<b>WNL!</b>
	<b>6:45p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal</b> in Choir Room

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